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Ms. Jean Jewell, Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
472 W. Washington Street  
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

GNR-T-15-01

Re: Rural Telephone Company -Idaho FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form, in Compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422

Dear Ms. Jewell:

On behalf of Rural Telephone Company - Idaho (the Company), attached is a copy of the Company's FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form, in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422.

The attached report is provided to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313(i) and 54.422(c).

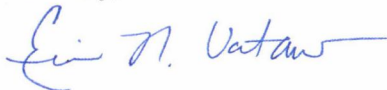
Redacted financial information is included as an attachment to the FCC Form 481. A hard copy of the non-redacted confidential financial information that has been filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) subject to a Protective Order, issued by the FCC on November 16, 2012, and the FCC's confidentiality rules, is also being submitted to the PUC, via overnight delivery, as confidential information that is exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Rules of Procedure, Rule 67. The information is proprietary in nature and is not generally available to the public through regulatory disclosure or other means, and would give an advantage to a competitor if made public.

In addition to this electronic filing, a hard copy of the redacted and confidential version (on yellow paper) will be sent via overnight mail to the Commission.

The Affidavit of Business or Corporate Officer is also attached.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 209-955-6116 or via e-mail at [Eric.Votaw@mossadams.com](mailto:Eric.Votaw@mossadams.com).

Sincerely,



Eric N. Votaw, Senior Manager  
For Moss Adams

Enclosures

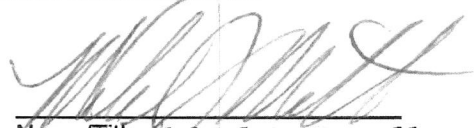
State of Idaho )  
 ) ss  
County of Elmore )

CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER  
OF COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY AND CUSTOMER  
PROTECTION, ABILITY TO REMAIN FUNCTIONAL IN EMERGENCIES,  
AND USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT.

### AFFIDAVIT OF BUSINESS OR CORPORATE OFFICER

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Order No. 29841 requires that Eligible Telecommunications Carriers certify that it is compliant with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and ETCs must demonstrate the ability to remain functional in emergencies. In addition, the Commission must file an annual certification with the USAC and the FCC that all federal high-cost support provided to ETCs within the State of Idaho will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath the following:


1. I am an officer of Rural Telephone Company, an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in the state of Idaho.
2. I am familiar with the Company's day-to-day operations in the state of Idaho and with the State's service quality standards and consumer protection rules as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841.
3. Rural Telephone Company is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules of the Federal Communications Commission and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.
4. I certify to the Commission that the Company is able to remain functional in emergencies as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841 and in 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(a)(2).
5. I also certify that all federal universal service support funds received by Rural Telephone Company during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The company will continue to comply for the period of January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, to be eligible for federal universal service fund support.
6. This verification and affidavit is provided to be the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to enable the IPUC to certify to the FCC that federal universal service support received by the eligible carriers in the state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

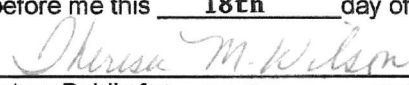
  
Name/Title Michael J. Martell  
Vice President

June 18, 2015

Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18th day of June, 2015

  
THERESA M WILSON  
Notary Public  
State of Idaho

  
Notary Public for Idaho, residing at Mountain Home  
My Commission expires 07/28/2016

**REDACTED- FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

June 30, 2015

**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

GNR-T-15-01

RE: **Confidential Financial Information Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 14-58, 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Before the Federal Communications Commission**

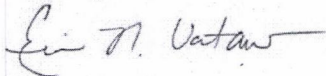
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Rural Telephone Company - Idaho ("Rural"), a privately-held rate of return carrier receiving high cost support, has electronically submitted FCC Form 481 to the Commission with redacted financial data, in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422

As specified in the Protective Order issued on November 16, 2012 by the Commission, two copies of the redacted confidential information are being filed simultaneously with the non-redacted confidential information. The redacted information for this filing and each page of the file where confidential information has been omitted is marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION"

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this particular matter.

Sincerely,



Eric N. Votaw, Senior Manager for  
Moss Adams LLP

Enclosures

cc Mr. Charles Tyler, FCC Telecommunications Access Policy Division



**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting**  
**Data Collection Form**

 FCC Form 481  
 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
 July 2013

<010> Study Area Code	472233
<015> Study Area Name	RURAL TEL CO - ID
<020> Program Year	2016
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Susan Case
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	2083662614 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	susan.case@ruraltel.org

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210> <input type="text"/> <-- check box if no outages to report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> (attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> (attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)			
<410> Fixed	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<450> Mobile	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">472233ID510.pdf</div>	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1010> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">472233ID1010.pdf</div>	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet</b>			
<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
Data Collection Form

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<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Susan Case
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2083662614 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	susan.case@ruraltel.org
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing \$54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no ) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (yes / no ) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

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Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	Yes
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	Yes
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	Yes
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	Yes
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	Yes
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Not Applicable

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves
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<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation
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Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable



**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
**Data Collection Form**

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support; carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

## (2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

## Data Collection Form

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

## Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i)  
 <2011a> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)iii)  
 <2011b> Attachment (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii)


Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

## Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1))  
 <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2))  
 <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3))  
 <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4))


## Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))

Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

## Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification  
 <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification  
 <2019> Interim Progress Certification


Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

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Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information



## (3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

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**CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.**

## (3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan

Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

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(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))

If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

☒ (Yes/No)  
☐ (Yes/No)

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

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(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

☐ (Yes/No)  
☐ (Yes/No)

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

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(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit

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If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,

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(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

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(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

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(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

LINE 3000 RATE OF RETURN DATA

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**Certification - Reporting Carrier  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: RURAL TEL CO - ID	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/30/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Mark Martell	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2083362614 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 472233	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	



**Certification - Agent / Carrier**  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

LINE 100 INITIAL FIVE-YEAR SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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LINE 200 SERVICE QUALITY OUTAGE REPORTING

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Response Line 510  
Rural Telephone Company  
Study Area 472233

#### **Voice Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Rural Telephone Company ("ILEC") is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. ILEC provides CPNI training to all of its new employees and in addition trains all of its existing employees on an annual basis. ILEC also conducts subscriber outreach regarding CPNI by periodically placing CPNI explanation onto its website at [www.rtc.net](http://www.rtc.net) which informs subscribers about CPNI rules and other applicable customer rights and obligations. In addition ILEC trains staff on Red Flag issues on an annual basis. All company employees are required to sign and acknowledge that they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules.

ILEC also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which ILEC offers service in its Local Exchange Tariff. The tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. ILEC keeps its tariffs available for public inspection at its business offices.

#### **Broadband Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) ILEC is in compliance with applicable FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. ILEC trains staff on applicable rules for broadband services issues on an annual basis. In addition ILEC has placed on its website at [www.rtc.net](http://www.rtc.net) its network practices and policies regarding FCC's Net Neutrality Rules.

ILEC also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which ILEC offers Broadband service in NECA Tariff #5 to Internet Service Providers ("ISP"). The Tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Public inspection of NECA Tariff #5 can be found on NECA's website. Retail DSL rates, terms, and conditions for retail services are provided by the ISP.

Response Line 610  
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Functionality in Emergency Situations:

**Voice Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and 47 C.F.R § 54.22(b)(4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) Rural Telephone Company meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to Rural Telephone Company central by use of a fixed generator and batteries that provide it with 8 hours of emergency power. In addition, Rural Telephone Company field electronics have 8 to 12 hours of back-up power by use of fixed and mobile generators and batteries. Rural Telephone Company also has SONET technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is self-healing and will automatically reroute traffic should a fiber cut occur. In addition, Rural Telephone Company has connectivity with neighboring telephone exchanges as well as the LATA tandem to provide diverse options to reroute traffic should an emergency arise. Rural Telephone Company has developed and trained its staff on network preparedness plans in case of emergency situations. Rural Telephone Company is prepared and capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has sufficient switching capabilities to handle such situations.

**Broadband Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and 47 C.F.R § 54.22(b)(4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) Rural Telephone Company meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to Rural Telephone Company central by use of a fixed generator and batteries that provide it with 8 hours of emergency power. In addition, Rural Telephone Company field electronics have 8 to 12 hours of back-up power by use of fixed and mobile generators and batteries. Rural Telephone Company also has SONET technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is self-healing and will automatically reroute traffic should a fiber cut occur. In addition, Rural Telephone Company has connectivity with neighboring telephone exchanges as well as the LATA tandem to provide diverse options to reroute traffic should an emergency arise. Rural Telephone Company has developed and trained its staff on network preparedness plans in case of emergency situations.



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(710) Broadband Price Offerings  
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State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
ID	208-653	29.95	0.0	29.95	768.0	0.256	999999	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-653	49.95	0.0	49.95	3.0	0.512	999999	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-653	69.95	0.0	69.95	6.0	0.768	999999	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-653	89.95	0.0	89.95	10.0	0.768	999999	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-796	29.95	0.0	29.95	768.0	0.256	999999	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-796	49.95	0.0	49.95	3.0	0.512	999999	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-796	69.95	0.0	69.95	6.0	0.768	999999	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-796	89.95	0.0	89.95	10.0	0.768	999999	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-857	29.95	0.0	29.95	768.0	0.256	999999	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-857	49.95	0.0	49.95	3.0	0.512	999999	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-857	69.95	0.0	69.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-857	89.95	0.0	89.95	10.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-868	29.95	0.0	29.95	768.0	0.256	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-868	49.95	0.0	49.95	3.0	0.512	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-868	69.95	0.0	69.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-868	89.95	0.0	89.95	10.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-864	29.95	0.0	29.95	768.0	0.256	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-864	49.95	0.0	49.95	3.0	0.512	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-864	69.95	0.0	69.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
ID	208-864	89.98	0.0	89.98	10.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, Unlimited

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### Voice Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (10 ) Rural Telephone Company ("Rural") is in compliance with the requirement that voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$47.48 as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470 issued on April 16, 2015. Rural's current total local end-user rate<sup>1</sup> of \$25.92 for all of its exchange (which includes a local fee of \$25.76, mandated state fees of \$0.16 and mandatory extended area service charges of \$0.00) is not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Local End User Rate as defined in USF/ICC Transformation Order 26 FCC Rcd at 17751, Para. 238

<sup>2</sup> USF/ICC Transformation Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 17694, Para. 84 (footnote included) "The standard deviation is a measure of dispersion. The sample standard deviation is the square root of the sample variance. The sample variance is calculated as the sum of the squared deviations of the individual observations in the sample of data from the sample average divided by the total number of observations in the sample minus one. In a normal distribution, about 68 percent of the observations lie within one standard deviation above and below the average and about 95 percent of the observations lie within two standard deviations above and below the average."

LIFELINE

1. GENERAL

Applicable to qualifying low-income subscribers to single party residential service of the Company.

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2. RATES

- A. Baseline Lifeline is a reduction or credit applied to the local services provided to qualifying low-income consumers. The reduction to the normal residential one-party rates are as follows:

<u>Residential Access Lines</u>	<u>Monthly Credit or Discount</u>
Federal Lifeline Reduction	\$9.25
State Matching Local Rate Reduction	\$3.50

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These reductions or credits are from the normal residential one-party service subscribed to by the consumer. The Federal lifeline reduction shall be used to waive the customer's Federal End-User Common Line Charge or Subscriber Line Charge first and then to reduce normal residential one-party rates. The state matching local rate reduction provides additional discounts for qualifying consumers.

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In no case will the discount exceed the rate charged for the service subscribed to by each individual.

- B. The following services are included:

1. Single party, voice grade access to the Public Switched Network
2. Access to emergency services
3. Access to operator services
4. Access to interexchange services, unless toll blocking is chosen
5. Access to directory assistance
6. Toll Blocking

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Aug. 2, 2010                  Sept. 1, 2010  
Jean D. Jewell Secretary

### NETWORK ACCESS LINE SERVICE

#### RATES

#### Monthly Rate

Access Lines	<u>Residence (R-1)</u>	<u>Business (B-1)</u>
Atlanta	\$25.76 (I)	\$40.68
Boise River	25.76 (I)	42.00
Prairie	25.76 (I)	42.00
Shoup	25.76 (I)	42.00
Three Creek	25.76 (I)	40.68
Tipanuk	25.76 (I)	42.00
Key System		Business (B-1) Rate
PABX Trunks		Business (B-1) Rate

#### CONDITIONS

The above rates apply to the provision of network access lines which, when connected to a suitable telephone instrument, provides access to the telephone network.

Instruments must be provided by the subscriber, subject to the conditions described in the Connection with Subscriber-Owned Equipment portion of this tariff.

Additional instruments may be attached to network access lines. The Company reserves the right to limit the number of instruments connected to an access line if they cause interference with the normal operation of the line.

Tone Dial service is provided only where the facilities are available.

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Rural Telephone Company  
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#### Milestone Certification

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) Rural Telephone Company ("Rural") provides this certification that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. Details for how Rural is meeting its obligations for broadband goals and required obligations are specified within the FCC Form 481 annual filing.



LINE 3005 RATE OF RETURN DATA

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